

NEW-YORK DAILY TRIBUNE, SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1883.

LITERARY NOTES.

The edition *deluxe* of Emerson's works which Houghton, Mifflin & Co. are preparing is to be limited to five hundred copies. More than half of that number have already been subscribed for.

Mrs. Burnett has wisely revised her novel, "Through One Administration," for publication in book form.

The "George Eliot" in the "Famous Women" series published by Roberts Brothers, has gone into a second edition.

Bacon Tauchnitz sends news of his publications to England except as presentation copies to the authors themselves. Carlyle once wrote jestingly to him demanding copies of the "Friedrich." Friends accept it from me as a distinguished gift not attainable otherwise.¹² For the services which the publisher rendered to the promotion of English literature, as well as for his benevolent efforts for society, Tauchnitz was created a baron in 1850, by the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and honored with orders and decorations. In his castle at Klein-schœnau, near Leipzig, the chief attraction of which is the library, with a collection of the two thousand and more volumes of the "edition," the Baron enjoys the ease and tranquillity of rural retirement. By will of the King of Saxony, he is Peer of the First Chamber of the Saxon Parliament, and by the English Government, appointed Consul-General for Saxony. Of his two sons, Bernhard and Paul, the latter is an officer in the Prussian Army; the former has already been mentioned as his father's partner in the well-known firm, which he entered in 1866.

In two royal octavo volumes on "The Real Lord Byron," Mr. John Cordy Jeaffreson promises to give new views of the poet's life.

Mr. William Winter has written an article on the Stage for the June number of "The North American Review."

The Bostonian Society, an organization formed two years ago to promote the study of the history of Boston and the preservation of its antiquities, is doing an excellent work—a work which should be imitated in other American cities which are old enough to have a history. The city government has granted the society a lease of the historical hall in the old State House for ten years. Mr. Curtis Guild, the president of the society, in taking possession of its new quarters made an interesting address which is given in full in the recently published annual report.

Of Mrs. Carlyle a writer for *The Spectator* exclaims: "How she could queen it! Long after she was a middle-aged woman she could pick up chance acquaintances in a coach and so fascinate them that when she left her parasol in that coach one would compete eagerly and secretly against the other for the chance of recovering and restoring it to her. In her old age—indeed, a year or two before her death—when she had partially recovered from a most dangerous illness, middle-aged men of the world burst into tears at the sight of her whom they had never hoped to see again, and quivered all over with the joy of recovering her. She owed this power of fascination, no doubt, partly to her ready tenderness of sympathy, partly to her volleys of gentle scorn."

Mr. Kennedy in his life of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes quotes some of the Doctor's earlier poetical work—verses which the poet himself has not thought best to reprint in his collected editions. Greater deference to Dr. Holmes's judgment would have seemed graceful in Mr. Kennedy.

Three editions of Professor Hardy's novel, "But Yet a Woman," have already been brought out, the original edition proving utterly inadequate to fill the immediate orders.

Mr. Julian Hawthorne's new serial story deals with New-York society and was originally intended to be a three-act comedy-drama. Perceiving, however, that the plot was better adapted to a story, Mr. Hawthorne abandoned his idea of the play and is writing the romance of "The Manhattan."

Mr. Tegetmeier, the naturalist and writer, has a splendid Shelley collection comprising several hundred volumes. These include most of the original editions. Of "Adonais" he has two copies—Leigh Hunt's and Peacock's. Each of these is worth sufficient to purchase a very respectable library. He has one of the few copies of "Alastor," and a copy of "Laon and Cythna," dated 1818, suppressed on publication, and afterward issued with alterations under the title of "The Revolt of Islam." A short time back he picked up a copy of the exceedingly rare "Epipsychedion" for ten pounds. His collection of Shelleyana is most complete, and comprises almost every word of importance ever written about the poet. All *The Quarterly Review* articles, the forged letters with Browning's Introduction, and hundreds of interesting reviews and notes are carefully treasured. In this collection is supposed to be the only copy of "The Liberal, Verse and Prose from the North," a satire upon "The Liberal." There is no record of it in the British Museum, and Mr. Buxton Forman has never come across another copy, although it bears well-known publishers' names.

An admirable translation into English of Cervantes's longest and most important poem, "The Voyage to Parnassus," has just appeared in London. The translator, Mr. F. Y. Jackson, has appended to the poem a little tract, the "Adulenta al Parnasso," brimful of pure Cervantean humor, gaiety and grace; the subject being a dialogue between the author in his own person and one Pancrato de Roncevalles—a specimen of the "swell" of the period, the counterpart of Shakespeare's Osric, made real and palpable by a few happy touches. Mr. Gibson has also included in this volume the deeply interesting rhymed letter which Cervantea wrote while a captive in Algiers to Maitre Vasquez, Philip II's private secretary; in which, after recounting the story of his sorrows and misfortunes, he proposes a scheme for the liberation of the Christian captives and the conquest of the Algerian kingdom.

"Any single-minded and prifile work," says President Eliot, "is more than a match for man"; and a paper by Samuel H. Scudder on "The Pine Moth of Nantucket," which has been published by the Massachusetts Society for the Promotion of Agriculture, seems to establish the truth of this aphorism. The lepidopterous insect treated of in the pamphlet lays its eggs in the terminal bud of the pitch pine which has been extensively planted in Nantucket, so that in its larval state it has the tendershoots to feed upon, and in immense numbers it attacks the tree at every growing point. The young caterpillar negus to eat at the centre of the bud, and burrows its way down through the shoots, leaving dead needles in its track as the supply of nourishment is cut off until the blighted tree dies outright. There is little comfort in the information that this disagreeable stranger has been scientifically christened *Retinia frustana* and that it is more voracious than allied European species. Its ravages have been confined to the island so far and a sickly hope is cherished that when the pines there are all destroyed it may starve to death. But if it gets a foothold on the Cape Cod plantations, as it almost certainly will, it will probably spread over the whole region where the *Pinus rigida* flourishes. Mr. Scudder remarks that if every pine on the island were cut down, the wood sold, the brush burned, every seedling carefully destroyed and sheep pastured on the spot for two years, it might answer to plant seeds thereafter. Another remedy, a trifles less heroic, is suggested by the life-history of the insect, and that is to cut from every tree, in the month of June, every affected shoot. No less radical treatment will answer. To leave any individuals in the smallest seedling or on the topmost branches of the largest tree would be an incomplete cure. If the good people of Nantucket can be brought voluntarily and unanimously to attack the enemy on this line, they will display an exemplary wisdom and faith. The pamphlet is illustrated with excellent plain and colored drawings.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

OLD TESTAMENT REVISION. By Alexander Roberts, D. D. 16mo, pp. 280. \$1.50. The COMPREHENSIVE CHURCH. By Right Rev. Thomas J. E. 16mo, pp. 280. (Thomas Whitaker.)

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